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SUBJECT:IREX-FAISECTC EXCHANGE

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS CONSULTED WITH IREX ON YUGOSLAV EFFORT TO USE AYESF FUNDS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OF IREX YUGOSLAV GRANTEES. IREX IS SYMPATHETIC TO FAISECTC PROBLEM BUT IREX DOES NOT HAVE FUNDS IN ITS BUDGET TO MEET THIS EXPENSE. IREX POSITION IS THAT IT CANNOT AND WILL NOT PAY THESE COSTS. IREX POINTS OUT THAT QUESTION OF YUGOSLAV PAYMENT OF TRAVEL HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION SINCE 1968. EACH YEAR FAISECTC DEFERRED DECISION UNTIL 1974 WHEN IT AGREED IN WRITING TO COVER THESE COSTS. IREX BELIEVES YUGOSLAVS SHOULD BE HELD TO THIS COMMITMENT AND IS OPPOSED TO DEFERRING IMPLEMENTATION FOR YET ANOTHER YEAR. IREX DOES NOT TAKE POSITION ON USE OF AYESF FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY THAT IREX PROGRAM SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN AYESF ACTIVITIES, AND THAT AYESF PROGRAM SHOULD NOT BE CUT BACK TO HELP FAISECTC MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS.

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TIONS. IF FAISECTC OR OTHER YUGOSLAV AGENCY CAN PRODUCE

THE REQUIRED FUNDS WE WILL HAVE SUCCEEDED IN ACHIEVING
TWO OBJECTIVES: A) TO BRING IREX PROGRAM UNDER AYES

ACTIVITIES, AND B) TO INCREASE YUGOSLAV CONTRIBUTION TO
AYES.

3. FYI KASSOF RECALLS THAT DURING DISCUSSION WITH
DENES LAST YEAR ON THIS QUESTION, DENES SAID SOMETHING IN
SERBOCROAT TO ONE OF HIS COLLEAGUES. BATOR, WHO WAS
PRESENT, TRANSLATED SUBSTANCE OF REMARK AS "LET AYES
PAY IT". KASSOF SAYS HE TRIED TO DISCOURAGE DENES FROM
THIS COURSE. END FYI INGERSOLL

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